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The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction

Report of the Sixth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Isaias **Medina** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction" was included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly resolution 70/119 of 14 December 2015.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 13th, 14th, 15th, 31st and 32nd meetings, on 11, 13 and 14 October and on 4 and 7 November 2016. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the reports of the Secretary-General submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth, sixty-sixth, sixty-seventh, sixty-eighth, sixty-ninth, seventieth and seventy-first sessions (A/65/181, A/66/93 and Add.1, A/67/116, A/68/113, A/69/174, A/70/125 and A/71/111).

5. At its 1st meeting, on 3 October, the Committee established a working group pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/119 to continue to undertake a thorough discussion of the scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction. In its resolution 70/119, the Assembly decided that the Working Group should be open to all Member States and that relevant observers to the Assembly would be invited

[1] A/C.6/71/SR.13, A/C.6/71/SR.14, A/C.6/71/SR.15, A/C.6/71/SR.31 and A/C.6/71/SR.32.

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to participate in its work. The Working Group held three meetings, on 13, 14 and 21 October.

6. At its 31st meeting, on 4 November, the Committee heard and took note of the oral report of the Chair of the Working Group.

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.23

7. At the 31st meeting, on 4 November, the representative of Kenya, on behalf of the Bureau, introduced a draft resolution entitled "The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction" (A/C.6/71/L.23).

8. At its 32nd meeting, on 7 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.23 without a vote (see para. 9).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

9. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, to international law and to an international order based on the rule of law, which is essential for peaceful coexistence and cooperation among States,

Recalling its resolutions 64/117 of 16 December 2009, 65/33 of 6 December 2010, 66/103 of 9 December 2011, 67/98 of 14 December 2012, 68/117 of 16 December 2013, 69/124 of 10 December 2014 and 70/119 of 14 December 2015,

Taking into account the comments and observations of Governments and observers and the discussions held in the Sixth Committee at the sixty-fourth to seventy-first sessions of the General Assembly on the scope and application of universal jurisdiction,[1]

Recognizing the diversity of views expressed by States and the need for further consideration towards a better understanding of the scope and application of universal jurisdiction,

Reiterating its commitment to fighting impunity, and noting the views expressed by States that the legitimacy and credibility of the use of universal jurisdiction are best ensured by its responsible and judicious application consistent with international law,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General prepared on the basis of comments and observations of Governments and relevant observers;[2]

2. *Decides* that the Sixth Committee shall continue its consideration of the scope and application of universal jurisdiction, without prejudice to the consideration of this topic and related issues in other forums of the United Nations, and for this purpose decides to establish, at its seventy-second session, a working group of the Sixth Committee to continue to undertake a thorough discussion of the scope and application of universal jurisdiction;

3. *Invites* Member States and relevant observers, as appropriate, to submit, before 28 April 2017, information and observations on the scope and application of universal jurisdiction, including, where appropriate, information on the relevant applicable international treaties and their national legal rules and judicial practice,

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[1] See A/C.6/64/SR.12, 13 and 25 and A/C.6/64/SR.1-28/Corrigendum; A/C.6/65/SR.10-12, 27 and 28; A/C.6/66/SR.12, 13, 17 and 29; A/C.6/67/SR.12, 13, 24 and 25; A/C.6/68/SR.12-14 and 23; A/C.6/69/SR.11, 12 and 28; A/C.6/70/SR.12, 13 and 27; and A/C.6/71/SR.13-15 and 31.

[2] A/71/111; see also A/70/125, A/69/174, A/68/113, A/67/116, A/66/93 and Add.1 and A/65/181.

and requests the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session a report based on such information and observations;

4. *Decides* that the working group shall be open to all Member States and that relevant observers to the General Assembly will be invited to participate in the work of the working group;

5. *Also decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled "The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction".

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The law of transboundary aquifers

Report of the Sixth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Isaias **Medina** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "The law of transboundary aquifers" was included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly resolution 68/118 of 16 December 2013.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 18th, 19th and 33rd meetings, on 20 October and on 11 November 2016. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.22

4. At the 33rd meeting, on 11 November, the representative of Japan, on behalf of the Bureau, introduced a draft resolution entitled "The law of transboundary aquifers" (A/C.6/71/L.22).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.22 without a vote (see para. 7).

6. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Turkey made a statement in explanation of position.

[1] A/C.6/71/SR.18, A/C.6/71/SR.19 and A/C.6/71/SR.33.

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III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The law of transboundary aquifers

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 63/124 of 11 December 2008, 66/104 of 9 December 2011 and 68/118 of 16 December 2013,

Noting the major importance of the subject of the law of transboundary aquifers in the relations of States and the need for reasonable and proper management of transboundary aquifers, a vitally important natural resource, through international cooperation for present and future generations,

Noting also that the provisions of the draft articles on the law of transboundary aquifers have been taken into account in relevant instruments such as the Guarani Aquifer Agreement signed by Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay on 2 August 2010, and the Model Provisions on Transboundary Groundwaters adopted by the sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes on 29 November 2012,

Recognizing that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development[1] includes a goal on ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all,

Noting the establishment of the High-level Panel on Water by the Secretary-General and the President of the World Bank,

Commending the efforts made by the International Hydrological Programme of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in order for the Member States to draw more attention to and to deepen understanding of the draft articles on the law of transboundary aquifers,[2] in particular through organizing a series of training courses on the application of the draft articles as well as compiling an inventory of and evaluating the world's transboundary aquifer systems,

Emphasizing the continuing importance of the codification and progressive development of international law, as referred to in Article 13, paragraph 1 (*a*), of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting the comments of Governments and the discussions held in the Sixth Committee at the sixty-third, sixty-sixth, sixty-eighth and seventy-first sessions of the General Assembly on this topic,[3]

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[1] Resolution 70/1.

[2] Resolution 68/118, annex.

[3] See A/C.6/63/SR.16-19 and 26, A/C.6/66/SR.16 and 29, A/C.6/68/SR.16 and 29 and A/C.6/71/SR.18, 19 and 33. See also A/66/116 and Add.1 and A/68/172.

1. *Commends* to the attention of Governments the draft articles on the law of transboundary aquifers annexed to its resolution 68/118 as guidance for bilateral or regional agreements and arrangements for the proper management of transboundary aquifers;

2. *Encourages* the International Hydrological Programme of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue its contribution by providing further scientific and technical assistance upon the consent of the recipient State and within its mandate;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fourth session the item entitled "The law of transboundary aquifers".

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Measures to eliminate international terrorism

Report of the Sixth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Isaias **Medina** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Measures to eliminate international terrorism" was included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly resolution 70/120 of 14 December 2015.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 31st and 33rd meetings, from 3 to 5 October and on 4 and 11 November 2016. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/71/182 and Add.1 and 2).

5. At its 1st meeting, on 3 October, the Committee established a working group with a view to finalizing the process on the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism, as well as discussions on the item included in its agenda by General Assembly resolution 54/110 concerning the question of convening a high-level conference under the auspices of the United Nations. The Working Group was open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency. The Working Group held three meetings, as well as informal consultations, on 17 and 20 October and on 1 November.

[1] A/C.6/71/SR.1, A/C.6/71/SR.2, A/C.6/71/SR.3, A/C.6/71/SR.4, A/C.6/71/SR.31 and A/C.6/71/SR.33.

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6. At its 31st meeting, on 4 November, the Committee heard and took note of the oral report by the Chair of the Working Group on the work of the Working Group and on the results of the informal consultations held during the current session.

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.24

7. At the 33rd meeting, on 11 November, the representative of Canada, on behalf of the Bureau, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Measures to eliminate international terrorism" (A/C.6/71/L.24).

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.24 without a vote (see para. 9).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

9. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Measures to eliminate international terrorism

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming, in all its aspects, the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, adopted on 8 September 2006,[1] which enhances the overall framework for the efforts of the international community to effectively counter the scourge of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and recalling the first, second, third, fourth and fifth biennial reviews of the Strategy, on 4 and 5 September 2008, 8 September 2010, 28 and 29 June 2012, 12 and 13 June 2014 and 30 June and 1 July 2016, respectively, and the debates that were held on those occasions,[2]

Recalling its resolutions 62/272 of 5 September 2008, 64/297 of 8 September 2010, 66/282 of 29 June 2012, 68/276 of 13 June 2014 and 70/291 of 1 July 2016,

Recalling also its resolution 66/10 of 18 November 2011,

Recalling further the Declaration on the Occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations,[3]

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[4]

Recalling also the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[5] and reaffirming, in particular, the section on terrorism,

Recalling further the Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 49/60 of 9 December 1994, and the Declaration to Supplement the 1994 Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism, contained in the annex to Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996,

Recalling all General Assembly resolutions on measures to eliminate international terrorism and Security Council resolutions on threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts,

Convinced of the importance of the consideration of measures to eliminate international terrorism by the General Assembly as the universal organ having competence to do so,

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[1] Resolution 60/288.

[2] See A/62/PV.117-120, A/64/PV.116 and 117, A/66/PV.118-120, A/68/PV.94-97 and A/70/PV.108-110.

[3] Resolution 50/6.

[4] Resolution 55/2.

[5] Resolution 60/1.

Deeply disturbed by the persistence of terrorist acts, which have been carried out worldwide,

Reaffirming its strong condemnation of the heinous acts of terrorism that have caused enormous loss of human life, destruction and damage, including those which prompted the adoption of General Assembly resolution 56/1 of 12 September 2001, as well as Security Council resolutions 1368 (2001) of 12 September 2001, 1373 (2001) of 28 September 2001 and 1377 (2001) of 12 November 2001, and those that have occurred since,

Reaffirming also its strong condemnation of the atrocious and deliberate attacks that have occurred against United Nations offices in various parts of the world,

Affirming that States must ensure that any measure taken to combat terrorism complies with all their obligations under international law and must adopt such measures in accordance with international law, in particular international human rights, refugee and humanitarian law,

Stressing the need to strengthen further international cooperation among States and among international organizations and agencies, regional and subregional organizations and arrangements and the United Nations in order to prevent, combat and eliminate terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, wherever and by whomsoever committed, in accordance with the principles of the Charter, international law and the relevant international conventions,

Noting the role of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism in monitoring the implementation of that resolution, including the taking of the necessary financial, legal and technical measures by States and the ratification or acceptance of the relevant international conventions and protocols,

Mindful of the need to enhance the role of the United Nations and the relevant specialized agencies in combating international terrorism and of the proposals of the Secretary-General to enhance the role of the Organization in this respect,

Mindful also of the essential need to strengthen international, regional and subregional cooperation aimed at enhancing the national capacity of States to prevent and effectively suppress international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations,

Reiterating its call upon States to review urgently the scope of the existing international legal provisions on the prevention, repression and elimination of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, with the aim of ensuring that there is a comprehensive legal framework covering all aspects of the matter,

Emphasizing that tolerance and dialogue among civilizations and the enhancement of interfaith and intercultural understanding are among the most important elements in promoting cooperation and success in combating terrorism, and welcoming the various initiatives to this end,

Reaffirming that no terrorist act can be justified in any circumstances,

Recalling Security Council resolution 1624 (2005) of 14 September 2005, and bearing in mind that States must ensure that any measure taken to combat terrorism

complies with their obligations under international law, in particular international human rights, refugee and humanitarian law,

Noting recent developments and initiatives at the international, regional and subregional levels to prevent and suppress international terrorism,

Noting also regional and subregional efforts to prevent, combat and eliminate terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, wherever and by whomsoever committed, including through the elaboration of and adherence to regional conventions,

Recalling its decision in resolutions 54/110 of 9 December 1999, 55/158 of 12 December 2000, 56/88 of 12 December 2001, 57/27 of 19 November 2002, 58/81 of 9 December 2003, 59/46 of 2 December 2004, 60/43 of 8 December 2005, 61/40 of 4 December 2006, 62/71 of 6 December 2007, 63/129 of 11 December 2008, 64/118 of 16 December 2009, 65/34 of 6 December 2010, 66/105 of 9 December 2011 and 67/99 of 14 December 2012 that the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996 should address, and keep on its agenda, the question of convening a high-level conference under the auspices of the United Nations to formulate a joint organized response of the international community to terrorism in all its forms and manifestations,

Recalling also that, in the Final Document of the Sixteenth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, adopted in Tehran on 31 August 2012,[6] the Heads of State or Government reiterated the collective position of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries on terrorism and reaffirmed its previous initiative calling for an international summit conference under the auspices of the United Nations to formulate a joint organized response of the international community to terrorism in all its forms and manifestations,[7] as well as other relevant initiatives,

Bearing in mind its resolutions 57/219 of 18 December 2002, 58/187 of 22 December 2003, 59/191 of 20 December 2004, 60/158 of 16 December 2005, 61/171 of 19 December 2006, 62/159 of 18 December 2007, 63/185 of 18 December 2008, 64/168 of 18 December 2009, 65/221 of 21 December 2010, 66/171 of 19 December 2011, 68/178 of 18 December 2013 and 70/148 of 17 December 2015,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General[8] and the oral report of the Chair of the Working Group of the Sixth Committee on its work during the seventy-first session,[9]

1. *Strongly condemns* all acts, methods and practices of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations as criminal and unjustifiable, wherever and by whomsoever committed;

2. *Calls upon* all Member States, the United Nations and other appropriate international, regional and subregional organizations to implement the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy,[1] as well as the resolutions relating to

[6] A/67/506-S/2012/752, annex I, paras. 225 and 226.
[7] A/53/667-S/1998/1071, annex I, para. 161.
[8] A/71/182 and Add.1 and 2.
[9] See A/C.6/71/SR.31.

the first, second, third, fourth and fifth biennial reviews of the Strategy,[10] in all its aspects at the international, regional, subregional and national levels without delay, including by mobilizing resources and expertise;

3. *Recalls* the pivotal role of the General Assembly in following up the implementation and the updating of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, looks forward to the sixth biennial review, in 2018, and in this regard recalls its invitation to the Secretary-General to contribute to the future deliberations of the Assembly, and requests the Secretary-General when doing so to provide information on relevant activities within the Secretariat to ensure overall coordination and coherence in the counter-terrorism efforts of the United Nations system;

4. *Reiterates* that criminal acts intended or calculated to provoke a state of terror in the general public, a group of persons or particular persons for political purposes are in any circumstances unjustifiable, whatever the considerations of a political, philosophical, ideological, racial, ethnic, religious or other nature that may be invoked to justify them;

5. *Reiterates its call upon* all States to adopt further measures in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant provisions of international law, including international standards of human rights, to prevent terrorism and to strengthen international cooperation in combating terrorism and, to that end, to consider, in particular, the implementation of the measures set out in paragraphs 3 (a) to (f) of General Assembly resolution 51/210;

6. *Also reiterates its call upon* all States, with the aim of enhancing the efficient implementation of relevant legal instruments, to intensify, as and where appropriate, the exchange of information on facts related to terrorism and, in so doing, to avoid the dissemination of inaccurate or unverified information;

7. *Reiterates its call upon* States to refrain from financing, encouraging, providing training for or otherwise supporting terrorist activities;

8. *Expresses concern* at the increase in incidents of kidnapping and hostage-taking with demands for ransom and/or political concessions by terrorist groups, and expresses the need to address this issue;

9. *Expresses grave concern* over the acute and growing threat posed by foreign terrorist fighters, namely, individuals who travel to a State other than their States of residence or nationality for the purpose of the perpetration, planning or preparation of, or participation in, terrorist acts or providing or receiving terrorist training, including in connection with armed conflict, emphasizes the need for States to address this issue, including through the implementation of their international obligations, and underlines the importance of United Nations capacity-building and facilitation of capacity-building in accordance with existing mandates to assist States, including those in the most affected regions, upon their request;

10. *Emphasizes* the need for States to cooperate resolutely against international terrorism by taking speedy and effective measures to eliminate this scourge, and in this regard calls upon all States, in accordance with their obligations

[10] Resolutions 62/272, 64/297, 66/282, 68/276 and 70/291.

under applicable international law and the Charter, to deny safe haven and bring to justice or, where appropriate, extradite, on the basis of the principle of extradite or prosecute, the perpetrators of terrorist acts or any person who supports, facilitates or participates or attempts to participate in the financing, planning or preparation of terrorist acts;

11. *Urges* States to ensure that their nationals or other persons and entities within their territory that wilfully provide or collect funds for the benefit of persons or entities who commit, or attempt to commit, facilitate or participate in the commission of terrorist acts are punished by penalties consistent with the grave nature of such acts;

12. *Reminds* States of their obligations under relevant international conventions and protocols, and Security Council resolutions, including Council resolution 1373 (2001), to ensure that perpetrators of terrorist acts are brought to justice, and recalls the General Assembly resolutions on measures to eliminate international terrorism;

13. *Reaffirms* that international cooperation as well as actions by States to combat terrorism should be conducted in conformity with the principles of the Charter, international law and relevant international conventions;

14. *Recalls* the adoption of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism,[11] the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material,[12] the Protocol of 2005 to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation[13] and the Protocol of 2005 to the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf,[14] and urges all States to consider, as a matter of priority, becoming parties to these instruments;

15. *Urges* all States that have not yet done so to consider, as a matter of priority and in accordance with Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and Council resolution 1566 (2004) of 8 October 2004, becoming parties to the relevant conventions and protocols as referred to in paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 51/210, as well as the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings,[15] the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism,[16] the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism and the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, and calls upon all States to enact, as appropriate, the national legislation necessary to implement the provisions of those conventions and protocols, to ensure that the jurisdiction of their courts enables them to bring to trial the perpetrators of terrorist acts and to cooperate with and provide support and

[11] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2445, No. 44004.

[12] Adopted on 8 July 2005 by the Conference to Consider and Adopt Proposed Amendments to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (International Atomic Energy Agency, document GOV/INF/2005/10-GC(49)/INF/6, attachment).

[13] Adopted on 14 October 2005 by the Diplomatic Conference on the Revision of the SUA Treaties (International Maritime Organization, document LEG/CONF.15/21).

[14] Adopted on 14 October 2005 by the Diplomatic Conference on the Revision of the SUA Treaties (International Maritime Organization, document LEG/CONF.15/22).

[15] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2149, No. 37517.

[16] Ibid., vol. 2178, No. 38349.

assistance to other States and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to that end;

16. *Urges* States to cooperate with the Secretary-General and with one another, as well as with interested intergovernmental organizations, with a view to ensuring, where appropriate within existing mandates, that technical and other expert advice is provided to those States requiring and requesting assistance in becoming parties to and implementing the conventions and protocols referred to in paragraph 15 above;

17. *Notes with appreciation and satisfaction* that, consistent with the call contained in paragraphs 14 and 15 of General Assembly resolution 70/120 of 14 December 2015, a number of States became parties to the relevant conventions and protocols referred to therein, thereby realizing the objective of wider acceptance and implementation of those conventions;

18. *Reaffirms* the Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 49/60, and the Declaration to Supplement the 1994 Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism, contained in the annex to Assembly resolution 51/210, and calls upon all States to implement them;

19. *Calls upon* all States to cooperate to prevent and suppress terrorist acts;

20. *Urges* all States and the Secretary-General, in their efforts to prevent international terrorism, to make the best use of the existing institutions of the United Nations;

21. *Notes* that the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre is performing its duties within the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force in New York and that the Centre is supporting the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, and encourages all Member States to collaborate with the Centre and to contribute to the implementation of its activities within the Task Force;

22. *Requests* the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Vienna to continue its efforts to enhance, through its mandate, the capabilities of the United Nations in the prevention of terrorism, and recognizes, in the context of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), its role in assisting States in becoming parties to and implementing the relevant international conventions and protocols relating to terrorism, including the most recent among them, and in strengthening international cooperation mechanisms in criminal matters related to terrorism, including through national capacity-building;

23. *Invites* regional intergovernmental organizations to submit to the Secretary-General information on the measures they have adopted at the regional level to eliminate international terrorism, as well as on intergovernmental meetings held by those organizations;

24. *Decides* to recommend that the Sixth Committee, at the seventy-second session of the General Assembly, establish a working group with a view to finalizing the process on the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism as well as discussions on the item included in its agenda by Assembly

resolution 54/110 concerning the question of convening a high-level conference under the auspices of the United Nations;

25. *Recognizes* the efforts of Member States towards resolving any outstanding issues, and encourages all Member States to redouble their efforts during the intersessional period;

26. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled "Measures to eliminate international terrorism".

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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly" was included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to allocate the item to all the Main Committees for the purpose of discussing their working methods and considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 32nd and 33rd meetings, on 7 and 11 November 2016. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.6/71/L.30

4. At the 33rd meeting, on 11 November, the Chair introduced a draft decision containing the provisional programme of work of the Committee for the seventy-second session of the General Assembly, as proposed by the Bureau (A/C.6/71/L.30).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.6/71/L.30 (see para. 6).

[1] A/C.6/71/SR.32 and A/C.6/71/SR.33.

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III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

6. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Provisional programme of work of the Sixth Committee for the seventy-second session

The General Assembly notes that the Sixth Committee has decided to adopt the following provisional programme of work for the seventy-second session of the General Assembly, as proposed by the Bureau:

Provisional programme of work[1]

2 October	Organization of work of the Sixth Committee
2-4 October	Measures to eliminate international terrorism
4 and 5 October	The rule of law at the national and international levels
6 October	Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission
9 October	Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fiftieth session
	Request(s) for observer status
9 and 10 October	Administration of justice at the United Nations
10 October	Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization
10 and 11 October	The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction
12 October	Expulsion of aliens
13 October	Responsibility of international organizations
16 October	United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law
20 October	Effects of armed conflicts on treaties
23-27 and 31 October and 1 November	Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-ninth session

[1] Indicating provisional dates in 2017 for debates under the respective items without prejudice to the allocation of additional meetings for working groups established, and Secretariat briefings convened, by the Sixth Committee.

2 November	Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country
6 November	Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly
10 November	Programme planning
	Election of the officers of the Main Committees
6, 17 and 18 October	Reserved

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Programme planning

Report of the Sixth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Isaias **Medina** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item entitled "Programme planning" in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee, the other Main Committees and the plenary of the Assembly to enhance discussion of evaluation, planning, budgeting and monitoring reports.

2. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 33rd meeting, on 11 November 2016.[1] The Committee was informed that no reports were allocated to it under the agenda item.

3. At the same meeting, the Sixth Committee concluded its consideration of the item without taking action.

[1] See A/C.6/71/SR.33.

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Observer status for the Central American Bank for Economic Integration in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Isaias **Medina** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the Central American Bank for Economic Integration in the General Assembly" was included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly at the request of Honduras.

2. At its 35th plenary meeting, on 27 October 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 31st and 32nd meetings, on 4 and 7 November 2016. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 21 September 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Honduras to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/71/141/Rev.1).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.19

5. At the 31st meeting, on 4 November, the representative of Honduras, on behalf of Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama and Spain, introduced a draft resolution entitled

[1] A/C.6/71/SR.31 and A/C.6/71/SR.32.

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"Observer status for the Central American Bank for Economic Integration in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/71/L.19).

6. At its 32nd meeting, on 7 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.19 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the Central American Bank for Economic Integration in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Central American Bank for Economic Integration,

1. *Decides* to invite the Central American Bank for Economic Integration to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.

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Agenda item 165

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

Report of the Sixth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Isaias **Medina** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country" was included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly resolution 70/121 of 14 December 2015.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 30th and 33rd meetings, on 3 and 11 November 2016. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (A/71/26).

5. At the 30th meeting, on 3 November, the Chair of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country introduced the report of that Committee.

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.29

6. At the 33rd meeting, on 11 November, the representative of Cyprus, on behalf of Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire and Cyprus, introduced a draft

[1] A/C.6/71/SR.30 and A/C.6/71/SR.33.

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resolution entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country" (A/C.6/71/L.29).

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.29 without a vote (see para. 8).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

8. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country,[1]

Recalling Article 105 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations,[2] the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations[3] and the responsibilities of the host country,

Recalling also that, in accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI) of 15 December 1971, the Committee should consider, and advise the host country on, issues arising in connection with the implementation of the Headquarters Agreement,

Recognizing that effective measures should continue to be taken by the competent authorities of the host country, in particular to prevent any acts violating the security of missions and the safety of their personnel,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations and conclusions of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country contained in paragraph 12 of its report;[1]

2. *Considers* that the maintenance of appropriate conditions for the normal work of the delegations and the missions accredited to the United Nations and the observance of their privileges and immunities, which is an issue of great importance, are in the interest of the United Nations and all Member States, requests the host country to continue to solve, through negotiations, problems that might arise and to take all measures necessary to prevent any interference with the functioning of missions, and urges the host country to continue to take appropriate action, such as training of police, security, customs and border control officers, with a view to maintaining respect for diplomatic privileges and immunities and if violations occur to ensure that such cases are properly investigated and remedied, in accordance with applicable law;

3. *Notes* the problems experienced by some Permanent Missions to the United Nations in connection with the implementation of the Parking Programme for Diplomatic Vehicles,[4] and notes that the Committee shall remain seized of the matter, with a view to continuing to maintain the proper implementation of the Parking Programme in a manner that is fair, non-discriminatory, effective and therefore consistent with international law;

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 26* (A/71/26).
[2] Resolution 22 A (I).
[3] See resolution 169 (II).
[4] A/AC.154/355, annex.

4. *Requests* the host country to consider removing the remaining travel restrictions imposed by it on staff of certain missions and staff members of the Secretariat of certain nationalities, and in this regard notes the long-standing positions of affected States, of the Secretary-General and of the host country;

5. *Recalls* article IV of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations,[3] and notes the concerns expressed by some delegations concerning the denial and delay of entry visas to representatives of Member States;

6. *Notes* that the Committee anticipates that the host country will continue to enhance its efforts to ensure the issuance of entry visas to representatives of Member States pursuant to article IV, section 11, of the Headquarters Agreement and in a timely manner, to enable travel to New York on United Nations business and that the Committee anticipates that the host country will continue to enhance efforts, including visa issuance, to facilitate the participation of representatives of Member States in other United Nations meetings, as appropriate;

7. *Also notes* that a number of delegations have requested shortening the time frame applied by the host country for issuance of entry visas to representatives of Member States since the time frame poses difficulties for the full-fledged participation of Member States in United Nations meetings, and invites the host country to inform the Committee, as appropriate, of efforts to address such difficulties;

8. *Notes with concern* the difficulties experienced by some Permanent Missions to the United Nations in obtaining suitable banking services, and welcomes the continued efforts of the host country to facilitate the opening of bank accounts for those Permanent Missions;

9. *Stresses the need* for the Permanent Missions and the United Nations to benefit from appropriate banking services, and anticipates that the host country will continue to assist the Permanent Missions accredited to the United Nations and their staff in obtaining such services;

10. *Expresses its appreciation* for the efforts made by the host country, and expects that the issues raised at the meetings of the Committee will continue to be resolved in a spirit of cooperation and in accordance with international law, including the Headquarters Agreement;

11. *Affirms* the importance of the Committee being in a position to fulfil its mandate and meet on short notice to deal with urgent and important matters concerning the relations between the United Nations and the host country, and in that connection requests the Secretariat and the Committee on Conferences to accord priority to requests from the Committee on Relations with the Host Country for conference-servicing facilities for meetings of that Committee that must be held while the General Assembly and its Main Committees are meeting, without prejudice to the requirements of those bodies and on an "as available" basis;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to remain actively engaged in all aspects of the relations of the United Nations with the host country, and recalls that the Secretary-General may bring to the attention of the Committee issues of mutual

concern relating to the implementation of the Headquarters Agreement and the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations;[2]

13. *Requests* the Committee to continue its work in conformity with General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI) and, in this framework, to continue to consider additional appropriate measures to enhance the work of the Committee and its effectiveness;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country".

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Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Isaías Arturo **Medina Mejías** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly" was included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly decision 70/523.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 12th meeting, on 11 October 2016. The Committee's consideration of the item is reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.6/71/SR.12).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 2 May 2011 from the Permanent Representatives of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/66/141).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.2

5. At its 12th meeting, on 11 October, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/71/L.2).

6. At the same meeting, the Chair of the Committee announced that the Bureau had been informed by the delegation of Kazakhstan, on behalf of the sponsors, that the sponsors were requesting the Committee to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly until the seventy-second session of the Assembly.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted a draft decision without a vote (see para. 8).

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III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

8. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, decides to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the Assembly[1] until the seventy-second session of the Assembly.

[1] See A/66/141.

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Observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Isaías Arturo **Medina Mejías** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the General Assembly" was included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly decision 70/524.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 12th meeting, on 11 October 2016. The Committee's consideration of the item is reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.6/71/SR.12).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 30 April 2015 from the Permanent Representatives of Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/70/141).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.9

5. At its 12th meeting, on 11 October, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/71/L.9).

6. At the same meeting, the Chair of the Committee announced that the Bureau had been informed by the delegation of Kazakhstan, on behalf of the sponsors, that the sponsors were requesting the Committee to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the General Assembly until the seventy-second session of the Assembly.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted a draft decision without a vote (see para. 8).

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III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

8. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the General Assembly

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, decides to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the Assembly[1] until the seventy-second session of the Assembly.

[1] See A/70/141.

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Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Isaías Arturo **Medina Mejías** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly" was included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly decision 70/525.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 12th meeting, on 11 October 2016. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.6/71/SR.12).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 10 July 2015 from the Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/70/142).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.3

5. At its 12th meeting, on 11 October, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/71/L.3).

6. At the same meeting, the Chair of the Committee announced that the Bureau had been informed by the delegation of the United States of America, on behalf of the sponsors, that the sponsors were requesting the Committee to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly until the seventy-second session of the Assembly.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted a draft decision without a vote (see para. 8).

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III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

8. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, decides to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Community of Democracies in the Assembly[1] until the seventy-second session of the Assembly.

[1] See A/70/142.

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Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Isaias **Medina** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly" was included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly decision 70/526 of 14 December 2015.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 12th and 31st meetings, on 11 October and 4 November 2016. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 11 August 2015 from the representatives of Australia, Cambodia, Japan, Nepal, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea and Sri Lanka to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/70/194).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.4

5. At the 12th meeting, on 11 October, the representative of the Republic of Korea, on behalf of Australia, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lebanon,

[1] A/C.6/71/SR.12 and A/C.6/71/SR.31.

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Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, the Netherlands, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea and Sri Lanka, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/71/L.4), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Wishing* to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the International Conference of Asian Political Parties,

"1. *Decides* to invite the International Conference of Asian Political Parties to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

"2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution."

6. At the 31st meeting, on 4 November, the Chair of the Committee announced that the sponsors of the draft resolution had decided not to pursue the request for observer status for the International Conference on Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly at the current session, while reserving the right to present it at a future session.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee concluded its consideration of the item without taking action.

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Observer status for the Conference of Ministers of Justice of the Ibero-American Countries in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Isaias **Medina** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the Conference of Ministers of Justice of the Ibero-American Countries in the General Assembly" was included in the draft agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly at the request of Spain.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 12th and 31st meetings, on 11 October and 4 November 2016. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 27 July 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/71/191).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.5

5. At the 12th meeting, on 11 October, the representative of Spain, on behalf of Andorra, Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Spain and Uruguay,

[1] A/C.6/71/SR.12 and A/C.6/71/SR.31.

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introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the Conference of Ministers of Justice of the Ibero-American Countries in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/71/L.5).

6. At its 31st meeting, on 4 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.5 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the Conference of Ministers of Justice of the Ibero-American Countries in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Conference of Ministers of Justice of the Ibero-American Countries,

1. *Decides* to invite the Conference of Ministers of Justice of the Ibero-American Countries to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.

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Observer status for the International Youth Organization for Ibero-America in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Isaías **Medina** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the International Youth Organization for Ibero-America in the General Assembly" was included in the draft agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly at the request of Spain.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 12th and 31st meetings, on 11 October and 4 November 2016. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 27 July 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/71/192).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.6

5. At the 12th meeting, on 11 October, the representative of Spain, on behalf of Andorra, Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Spain and Uruguay,

[1] A/C.6/71/SR.12 and A/C.6/71/SR.31.

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introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the International Youth Organization for Ibero-America in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/71/L.6).

6. At its 31st meeting, on 4 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.6 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the International Youth Organization for Ibero-America in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the International Youth Organization for Ibero-America,

1. *Decides* to invite the International Youth Organization for Ibero-America to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.

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Observer status for the Pacific Islands Development Forum in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Isaias **Medina** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the Pacific Islands Development Forum in the General Assembly" was included in the draft agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly at the request of Fiji.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 12th and 31st meetings, on 11 October and 4 November 2016. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 31 August 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/71/231).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.8

5. At the 12th meeting, on 11 October, the representative of Fiji, on behalf of Belgium, Cuba, Fiji, Kazakhstan, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste, Tonga and Tuvalu, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the Pacific Islands Development Forum in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/71/L.8).

[1] A/C.6/71/SR.12 and A/C.6/71/SR.31.

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Subsequently, Germany, Qatar and Tajikistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At its 31st meeting, on 4 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.8 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the Pacific Islands Development Forum in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Development Forum,

1. *Decides* to invite the Pacific Islands Development Forum to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.

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Observer status for the International Chamber of Commerce in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Isaias **Medina** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the International Chamber of Commerce in the General Assembly" was included in the draft agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly at the request of France.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 13th and 33rd meetings, on 11 October and 11 November 2016. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 9 September 2016 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/71/232).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.7

5. At the 13th meeting, on 11 October, the representative of France, on behalf of Albania, Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Finland, France, Gabon, Guatemala, Madagascar, Morocco, the Netherlands, Romania, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the International

[1] A/C.6/71/SR.13 and A/C.6/71/SR.33.

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Chamber of Commerce in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/71/L.7). Subsequently, Cameroon, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Kenya, Luxembourg and Palau joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At the 33rd meeting, on 11 November, the representative of France, on behalf of the sponsors, orally revised the draft resolution by adding four preambular paragraphs, reading:

"*Reaffirming* its decision 49/426 of 9 December 1994,

"*Considering* the unique importance of the International Chamber of Commerce, created in 1919, due to its historical specificities and its special role and authority as a representative of the business community in more than 120 countries,

"*Stressing* the need, frequently noted by the United Nations, to give greater opportunities to the business community to contribute to the realization of the goals and programmes of the Organization,

"*Emphasizing* that the present resolution does not change the criteria established in decision 49/426".

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.7, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 9).

8. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the Russian Federation made statements in explanation of their positions.

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

9. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the International Chamber of Commerce in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its decision 49/426 of 9 December 1994,

Considering the unique importance of the International Chamber of Commerce, created in 1919, due to its historical specificities and its special role and authority as a representative of the business community in more than 120 countries,

Stressing the need, frequently noted by the United Nations, to give greater opportunities to the business community to contribute to the realization of the goals and programmes of the Organization,

Emphasizing that the present resolution does not change the criteria established in decision 49/426,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the International Chamber of Commerce,

1. *Decides* to invite the International Chamber of Commerce to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.